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Summary

The present note contains information on the extensions of the country programmes for Croatia, Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Moldova, Paraguay, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and South Africa. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information. The requests for second one-year extensions and two-year extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first extension of the country programmes for Guinea, Haiti, Mauritius, Moldova, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates for a period of one year, from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012, as reported in Table 1.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the first two-year extensions of the country programmes for Croatia, Madagascar and Paraguay from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013, and a second one-year extension for of the country programme for South Africa, from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012, as presented in Table 2.

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Annex

Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since January 2011

Country	Original CCF period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Guinea	2007-2011	2012		The United Nations country team and the Government of Guinea agreed to extend the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for one year to fully align United Nations support with new national priorities emerging after the general election.	
Haiti	2009-2011	2012			The Government of Haiti requested an extension of its programme in order to allow for incorporation of its new priority areas after the general elections and the effects of the January 2010 earthquake.
Mauritius	2009-2011	2012	The Government of Mauritius requested an extension of its country programme to allow for an UNDAF process that considers options for Delivering as One.		
Moldova	2007-2011	2012	The Government of Moldova requested an extension of its country programme to harmonize cycles of National Development Strategy 2008-2011 with both the UNDAF and an agreement of association with the European Union.		
Tunisia	2007-2011	2012		The Government of Tunisia has requested an extension of the UNDP country programme for one year. This will provide sufficient time for UNDAF and country programme document preparations that consider the changed national priorities after the political transition.	
United Arab Emirates	2008-2011	2012			The Government of the United Arab Emirates and UNDP country office agreed to request an extension of the current programme for one year to allow for development of a new programme which would incorporate recommendations from the Assessment of Development Results to be conducted in 2011.

Table 2. Extensions of country programmes for which Executive Board approval is sought

Country	Years covered by original CCF	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				2nd one-year	Two-year	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Croatia	2007-2011	-	-	-	2012-2013			The Government of Croatia has requested an extension of its programme for two years to conclude important outcomes and support the country's transition to join the European Union.
Madagascar	2008-2011	-	-	-	2012-2013		The United Nations country team in Madagascar has requested an extension of its special development situation status to support the most vulnerable institutions and populations while a lasting political solution is being sought.	
Paraguay	2007-2011				2012-2013		The United Nations country team and the Government of Paraguay agreed to extend the UNDAF by two years, in order to fully align United Nations development support with national governmental planning cycles.	
South Africa	2007-2010	2011	2012	2012	-			The Government of the Republic of South Africa has requested a second one-year extension of the UNDP country programme to align with the UNDAF, which has been extended through 2012. This will allow for a full strategic repositioning of the partnership between South Africa and the United Nations system.

CCF = country cooperation framework